

Extracts from the Journal
of the Debates, Resolutions &c
of the
Convention of the Commonwealth of Mass.¹⁴
Convened at Boston Jan^y 9. 1788. —
for the purpose of assenting to & ratifying
the Constitution recommended by the Grand
Federal Convention —

The debates of the Convention were
closed by a short speech from the Pres-
ident — John Hancock — who then
put the Question as follows —

“Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
In Convention of the Delegates of the people
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1788.
The Convention having impartially dis-
cussed, and fully considered the Consti-
tution of the United States of America,
reported to Congress by the Convention of
Delegates from the United States of Ameri-
ca, ~~reported to Congress, by the Convention~~
~~of Delegates~~ and submitted to us by a
resolution of the General Court of the
said Commonwealth, passed the 25th
day of October last past, and acknowl-
edging with grateful hearts the good-
ness of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe,

in affording the people of the United States, in the course of his Providence, an opportunity, deliberately and peaceably, without fraud or surprise, of entering into an explicit and solemn compact with each other, by assenting to and ratifying a new Constitution, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity, Do, in the name and in behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Mass^{ts}, assent to and ratify the said Constitution for the United States of America.

was determined by Yeas and Nays as follows —

County of Suffolk —	Yeas 34 —	Nays 5
Essex —	38 —	6
Middlesex —	17 —	25
Hampshire —	*33 —	*19
Plymouth —	21 —	6
Barnstable —	7 —	2
Bristol —	10 —	12

[* These 2 numbers should be transposed.]

County York	Year 6	Days 11
— Duke's	— 2	— 0
— Worcester	— 7	— 43
— Cumberland	— 10	— 3
— Lincoln	— 9	— 7
— Berkshire	— 7	— 15

Total - Year 187 - Days 168 "

[19 majority only, in Massachusetts -
355 votes being given]

I have copied the above exactly as it stands in the book - but, as you will see by adding the numbers together - the sums total are in neither case correctly given. Where the mistake is I know not -

Appended to the proposed ^{question} vote there were nine articles of amendment, which I will copy for you if you desire to have them -

P.S. My daughter has just detected the mistake - In Hampshire the votes were 19 yeas - and 93 nays - instead of the reverse as given in the book -

[Faint, illegible handwriting, possibly a signature or date]